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NFAHW Council meeting, September 28 & 29, 2017

Ottawa

The Council met on September 28–29, 2017 at the Dairy Farmers of Canada office in Ottawa.

René Roy was welcomed to the Council as a designate of the Canadian Pork Council (CPC). René is a pork producer and is working on his PhD at McGill University while maintaining an active role in the pork industry in Quebec and on the CPC Board of Directors.

Presentations

OIE Performance of Veterinary Services Assessment

Dr. Jaspinder Komal, Executive Director Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and Acting Chief Veterinary Officer, provided an update on the OIE Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS) assessment completed in early 2017. The report is being finalized. A more detailed report will be provided at Forum 2017.

Plant and Animal Health Strategy (PAHS)

Dr. Komal also provided a report on the Plant and Animal Health Strategy (PAHS). This led to a discussion on the potential role for Council in coordinating implementation of PAHS.

Working Group Updates

Emerging Issues

The Emerging Issues working group (WG) has partnered with the Livestock Market Interruption Strategy (LMIS) Steering Committee to make a project proposal for Agriculture and AgriFood Canada (AAFC) funding to investigate access to slaughter houses for both humane destruction and disposal (LMIS) or market access in an emerging issue event. If approved the project will result in the development of a questionnaire that will facilitate future projects for more in depth investigation and costing.

Animal Welfare

David Fraser reported on his review of the recommendations in “A National Farm Animal Welfare System for Canada – 2012”. The Council has asked the Animal Welfare WG to further develop the scope for a follow-up report to provide new and modified recommendations to enhance the animal welfare system in Canada.

Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020 (FAHW2020)

Caroline Ramsay and Dr. Jeffrey Spooner presented a mockup of a stakeholder report on activities which impact the strategic outcomes and priorities of FAHW2020 which was developed by Caroline from the input gathered in interviews conducted by Jeffrey. The report demonstrated presentation options and stimulated discussion. The report will be further developed and presented at Forum 2017.

Antimicrobial Use / Antimicrobial Resistance (AMU/AMR)

Steven Sternthal reported that there is a review of lessons learned from the development of the pan-Canadian AMR Framework which was recently finalized. The development of the pan-Canadian AMR Action Plan will be delayed pending this review.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Antimicrobial Stewardship will be holding a forum on October 3–4, 2017 which will be focused on leadership on AMR in animal agriculture. Rob McNabb will represent the Council at this meeting. The AMU/AMR WG will provide a document for distribution at the Ad Hoc Committee forum which will demonstrate Council leadership, actions and recommendations on AMR.

Forum 2017

Council was updated on the Forum 2017 agenda and planning. Some suggestions were offered that will be included. A Forum 2017 agenda with registration information is included in this newsletter. The Forum 2017 promises to offer stakeholders a stimulating agenda with an opportunity to interact and network with other stakeholders with an interest in animal agriculture in Canada.

Participants are urged to register early as we have exceeded capacity in the past few years.

Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System (CAHSS)

The Management Committee has been leading an investigation into the possibility of the Council providing leadership for CAHSS. The Management Committee and the CAHSS secretariat hosted a meeting on September 27, 2017 to discuss this possibility with CAHSS Directors.

The Council proposed the formation of CAHSS at Forum 2014. Development of CAHSS began in January 2015. The intent was that CAHSS operate with a collaborative approach and not be a federal government initiative. Council will consider how they can best support the next stage development of CAHSS, building on the good work and successes achieved to date.

One Welfare

The working group reported that through its exploration of existing initiatives addressing mental health in the agriculture community, it has identified multiple resources. One of those, the Union des producteurs agricoles (UPA) Sentinel Program will be highlighted at Forum 2017. The working group will develop a statement that will continue to raise awareness of the need for additional support and services across Canada and include several recommendations.

Action

Council adopted a motion to explore assuming the roles and responsibilities associated with coordination, administration, support and leadership to the CAHSS and PAHS (animal portion). Assumption of these roles is subject to the availability of adequate (and appropriate) funding.

Upcoming meetings and events

- October 12, NFAHW Council teleconference
- November 9, NFAHW Council teleconference
- NFAHW Council Forum 2017, November 28 & 29, Ottawa
- November 30, NFAHW Council meeting, Ottawa

Would your board like an update from the Council?

Member organizations are invited to request a presentation from Council at board or committee meetings. These can be done in person or electronically.

NFAHW Council Forum 2017

[Register now](#) for Forum 2017! Being held on November 28–29, 2017 at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel, 350 Dalhousie Street, Ottawa, ON

Theme – Strategic Direction

The Forum 2017 agenda will update stakeholders on both Council and stakeholder initiatives. We will also bring together a number of initiatives which affect animal agriculture such as Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020 (FAHW2020), the Plant and Animal Health Strategy (PAHS), the pan-Canadian AMR Framework and Action Plans and the OIE Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS) assessment to name a few.

Agenda

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

1:00 – 1:15 pm – Welcome

1:15 – 2:00 pm Keynote Address – Dr. Tim McAllister – AAFC Lethbridge

2:00 – 3:00 pm – Session 1 – NFAHW Council Update

3:15–3:45 pm –Session 2 – UPA Sentinel Project (One Welfare) – Pierre-Nicolas Girard

3:45 – 4:30 – Session 3 – Plant and Animal Health Strategy update – Dr. Jaspinder Komal or designate

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

9:00 – 10:00 am – Session 4 – OIE Related topics – Dr. Jaspinder Komal or designate

10:00 – 10:30 am – CAHSS and Community for Emerging and Zoonotic Disease (CEZD) updates

10:30 am – 12:00 pm – Session 5 – Strategic positioning panel

1:00 – 4:00 pm – Session 6 – AMU/AMR

- Lindsay Noad – Public Health Agency of Canada – AMR Framework
- Dr. Andrew Morris – Infection Control Specialist, Mount Sinai Hospital
- Steve Leech – Chicken Farmers of Canada
- Dr. Egan Brockhoff – Canadian Pork Council
- Dr. Shane Renwick – Canadian Veterinary Medical Association
- Dr. John Prescott – Canadian Academy of Health Sciences

4:15 – 4:30 pm – Closing comments

Council reports, meeting dates and other information can be found on the Council website at www.ahwcouncil.ca.

The NFAHW Council is composed of individuals designated or elected from the three stakeholder groups – industry, provincial/territorial government and federal government – which support the Council. Members are non-representational when working on Council. Animal health and welfare and public health are included in the Council membership. Additionally, Dr. Jaspinder Komal sits as an ex-officio member in his role as CVO of Canada.

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